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Education

Abolition of the Fixed Travelling Allowance System in the case of Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

* 806 *Q.*—Mr. R. K. Venugopal Nayudu: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the fixed travelling allowance system was abolished for Deputy Inspectors of Schools (junior and senior grades);

(*b*) whether there are any touring officers of other departments originally subject to the fixed travelling allowance system who have been similarly affected; if so, the reasons therefor;

(*c*) if the answer be in the negative, why the officers of the Educational Department have been singled out for this treatment;

(*d*) whether the abolition of the fixed travelling allowance system was prayed for by the Deputy Inspectors themselves;

(*e*) if the answer be in the affirmative, the number of such petitioners with the grade to which they belonged; and

(*f*) whether the connected papers will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) The fixed travelling allowance system was abolished because it was represented to Government that the rules regulating this system caused hardship, especially in cases where Deputy Inspectors of Schools had a large number of schools to inspect within five miles of their headquarters.

(*b*) The information is not available in the Education Department.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) & (*f*) Do not arise.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I ask the Hon. the Minister for Education whether the Deputy Inspectors will get travelling allowance under the Fundamental Rules if they inspect schools within a radius of five miles?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Notice."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"As a matter of fact, no daily allowance can be claimed for journeys within a radius of five miles. That is the reason why I say that fixed travelling allowance must be given in these cases seeing that there are a number of schools within a radius of five miles within each municipal area."

The Hon. the President:—"Is the hon. Member making a speech or putting a question?"